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1. On 15 January 1954, the Nachrichten Schule, Koenigsbrueck, was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 300 troops with tank insignia. Between 7 and 15 January, 30 T-34 and/or T-34/85 tanks and several JS tanks were seen in the barracks area. The tanks had turret Tanks almost daily left for the Aue or the troop training grounds in the early morning. All tanks mounted a searchlight on the right front side. The tanks returned in the evening. Training in firing with rifles was daily observed in the Aue area and firing with submachine guns was held on several days. 25X1

2. On 15 January, Altes Lager was occupied by about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

3. On 15 January, Neues Lager was occupied. Unusually many officers were observed. Between 4 and 15 January, individually reports of artillery were heard almost daily for several hours from Neues Lager and reports of mortars were heard every third day. Noises of moving tanks were daily heard. Local residents stated that officers received training in firing with rifles and pistols every second day. On 11 January, a night firing practice of artillery was held. 25X1

4. On 10 January, source determined that ammunition boxes were stored on the loading ramp of the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. On the same day, 3 shipments, each of about 25 railroad cars including about 12 boxcars occupied by troops and the other flatcars carrying trucks, arrived at the station. All motor vehicle were covered. A railroadman stated that the shipments had arrived from the direction of Eilenburg. On 12 January, 3 tank cars with fuel arrived. The 25X1

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fuel was shipped to Altes Lager by tank trucks [redacted]

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. Other trucks, [redacted]

[redacted] shipped fuel in drums and containers to Neues Lager. Other shipments were believed to have arrived during the night on 11 and 12 January. In the early morning, empty trains were seen near the loading ramp and/or left toward Dresden. At about 7 p.m. on 13 January, a regular freight train included 4 railroad cars with trucks, including one mounting a 37-mm AA gun.

5. Loadings and unloadings in Koenigstrueck included:
 - a shipment of 1 boxcar and 34 flatcars with sideracks, carrying guns, which arrived from the direction of Eilenburg and was unloaded on 2 January;
 - a shipment of 9 boxcars and 24 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 27 trucks and 120-mm mortars, which arrived from the direction of Wurzen and was unloaded on 12 January;
 - a shipment of 8 boxcars and 29 flatcars with sideracks carrying 27 trucks, [redacted] 4 x 57-mm AT guns and, 6 x 122-mm howitzers, which was loaded on 12 January and left toward Eilenburg. 4

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1. [redacted] Comment. For information on the occupation of the Nachrichten Schule (1521), [redacted] The tank [redacted] observed fail to furnish new indications.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Altes Lager is occupied as previously. According to motor vehicle [redacted] the vehicles which picked up fuel, included trucks of the 8th Gds Mecz Div

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The numerous officers tend to indicate that the Hq 4th Gds AAA Div and, possibly, the headquarters of the unidentified Arty Brig of the First Gds Mecz Army were stationed there. The noises of tank engines only vaguely indicate the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div, which has been carried there since the fall of 1953. It is noted that tanks stationed in Neues Lager have so far not been reported [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. The shipments confirm that winter firing practices, involving especially units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, also started at the Koenigstrueck troops training grounds in January. The shipment to Eilenburg on 12 January, which fairly definitely involved elements of the 350th (?) How Arty Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div who returned to their post, is confirmed [redacted]

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